

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A directable medical guidewire, comprising:

an elongated resiliently flexible guidewire body having a main portion on its proximal end and a distal end portion contiguous with a distal end of the main portion, the distal end portion having a curved configuration defined by two curved sections, a first section having a first curvature and a second section located distally with respect to the first section and having a second curvature different to that of the first section, the curved configuration of the guidewire adapted to assume a varied configuration as it is passed through a bodily vessel or cavity based upon the resiliently flexible nature of the guidewire.

8. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 7, wherein the guidewire body is fabricated from a metal alloy.

9. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 8, wherein the metal alloy is Nitinol.

10. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 8, wherein the metal alloy guidewire body is formed as a wire with an outer surface coated with a friction reducing material.

11. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 10, wherein the friction reducing material is a silicone based lubricant.

12. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 10, wherein the friction reducing material comprises PET.

13. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 10, wherein the friction reducing material comprises PTFE.
14. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 8, wherein the guidewire body comprises a Nitinol core with a hydrophilic coating.
15. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 7, wherein the first and second sections of the distal portion are separated by an intermediate section.
16. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 15, wherein the intermediate section has a third curvature different to that of the first and second sections.
17. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 16, wherein the first, second, and intermediate sections have curvatures selected from the group consisting of:
 - a notional circle, and
 - an ellipse.
18. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 15, wherein the intermediate section is straight.
19. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 18, wherein the curvature of the first section is such that the straight intermediate portion makes an angle of between 10-135° with respect to the main portion.
20. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 19, wherein the angle of the straight intermediate portion with respect to the main portion is between 20-45°.
21. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 20, wherein the angle of the straight intermediate portion with respect to the main portion is 30°.
22. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 19, wherein the curvature of the second section is such that a notional straight line extending from the distal end of the

second section makes an angle between 10-135° with respect to the straight intermediate portion.

23. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 19, wherein the curvature of the second section is such that a notional straight line extending from the distal end of the second section makes an angle between 30-60° with respect to the straight intermediate portion.

24. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 19, wherein the curvature of the second section is such that a notional straight line extending from the distal end of the second section makes an angle of 45° with respect to the straight intermediate portion.

25. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 15, wherein the intermediate section has a length of between 1-6 cm.

26. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 25, wherein the intermediate section has a length of between 3-4 cm.

27. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 7, wherein the distal end portion includes a point of inflection between the first and second section such that the first and second sections have opposite curvatures.

28. (Previously Presented) The guidewire of claim 27, wherein the first and second sections have curvatures selected from the group consisting of:

a notional circle, and

an ellipse.